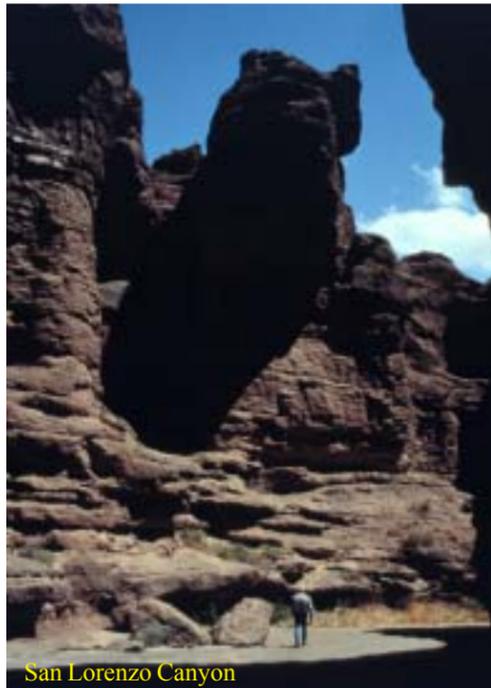


SEVILLETA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: WHERE EDGES MEET

Approximately 230,000 acres in size, the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is a vast landscape in the heart of New Mexico. It supports four major ecosystems, touches two mountain ranges and embraces the largest river in the State. Its magnitude and austere beauty make the Refuge unforgettable, but its true significance lies in its function. The Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is managed not for selected species of wildlife, but for the natural processes of flood, fire, and succession that sustain this huge landscape's functioning ecosystems. Coming together within the Refuge boundaries are the Chihuahuan Desert, shortgrass prairie, pinon-juniper woodlands, Colorado Plateau shrub steppe and Rio Grande riparian woodlands. These varied habitats provide homes to a diversity of wildlife and plants, many existing at the edge of their traditional home range.



San Lorenzo Canyon

The majority of the land that makes up the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is closed to public access, allowing for wildlife management, habitat restoration and research. Visitors are allowed access by permit only, or during guided field trips such as those offered during the annual Open House. The Open House provides a rare opportunity for nature lovers to experience areas of the Refuge which are not accessible at other times of the year. Many interesting field trips, speakers and exhibits will be available.



DIRECTIONS:

To Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center:

The Refuge is located approximately 50 miles south of Albuquerque or 140 miles north of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Take Interstate 25 to Exit 169. Go west 3/4 of a mile to the Refuge Visitor Center.

FOOD & REGISTRATION:

Registration form must be received by October 6th, 2008.

Cancellations must be made by October 7th for refunds.

Registration packets can be picked up at the Refuge Visitor Center on October 12th. Packets will include name tags, trip itineraries and meal tickets. Present your tickets to receive meals that are included with field trips.

A hot breakfast, including breakfast burrito, coffee and juice, will be served from 7:00 AM until 8:30 AM.

A hot lunch of traditional New Mexican fare, including dessert, will be served from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

SPONSORS: City of Socorro, Socorro County Chamber of Commerce, Amigos de la Sevilleta, University of NM. *Proceeds from the Open House go to benefit the La Joya Community Development Association.*

For more information on the Open House contact: Socorro County Chamber of Commerce (505)835-0424, Socorro Heritage and Visitors Center (505)835-8927, or the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge (505)864-4021.

SPECIAL THANKS:

The Open House Committee thanks all the volunteers and staff who worked to make this event a success.

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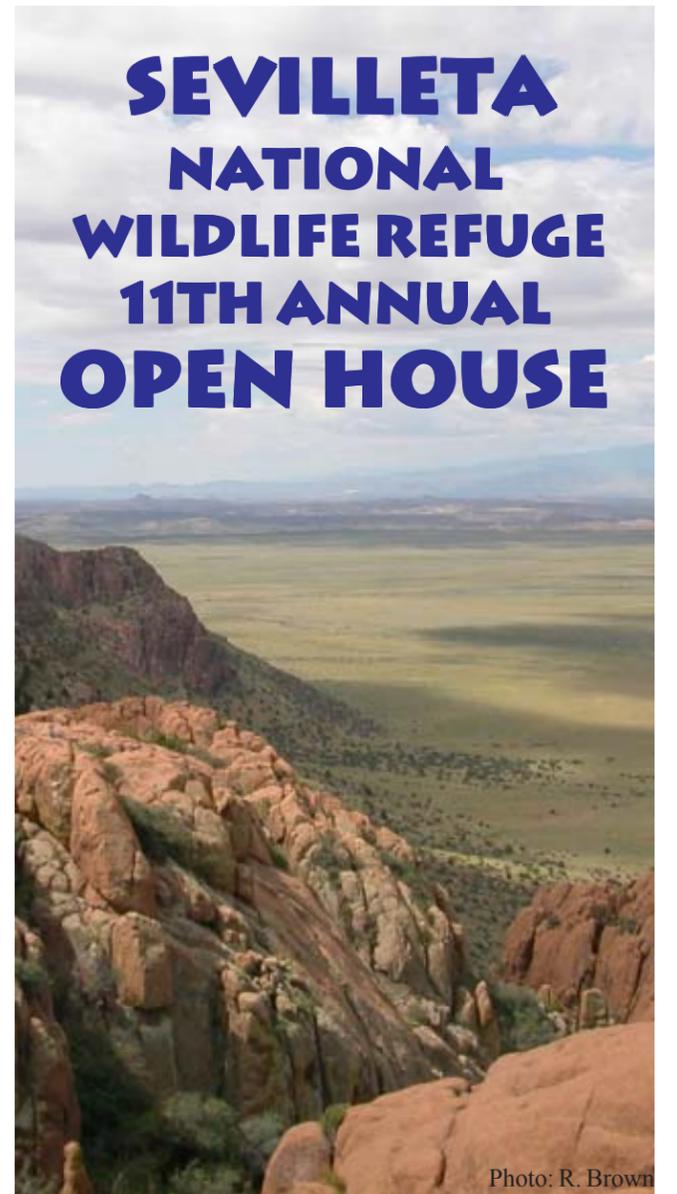


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